

## CLAIMS

1. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment, comprising:
  - performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;
  - transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;
  - 5 and
  - providing, in the second application, a second search result based on the search data.
2. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first application is a first instant messaging application.
- 10 3. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the second application is a second instant messaging application.
4. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search data includes the first search result.
5. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
15 wherein the search data includes a compressed representation of the first search result.
6. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed using a search term and the search data includes the search term.
7. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
20 wherein the search performed in the first application is a first search, and providing the second search result includes performing a second search using the search data.

8. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein:

the search performed in the first application is a first search;

providing the second search result includes performing a second search

5 using the search data; and

the first search result is approximately the same as the second search  
result.

9. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result includes  
10 sending a search request to a server.

10. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
further comprising displaying the first search result, wherein an item in the first search  
result is shown as a hyperlink.

11. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
15 further comprising:

displaying the first search result;

selecting an item in the first search result and

placing the item in a shopping cart.

12. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
20 further comprising displaying a notification on the second application.

13. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the search is performed within a search context of shopping.

14. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the search is performed within a search context of auction.
15. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the search is performed within a search context of news.
- 5 16. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the search is performed within a search context of stocks.
17. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the messaging environment is an instant messaging environment.
18. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
10 wherein the first application runs on a mobile device.
19. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the second application runs on a mobile device.
20. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1,  
further comprising displaying a web page associated with the search in the first  
15 application and displaying the web page in the second application.
21. A system for sharing data, comprising:  
a processor configured to:  
perform a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;  
transferring search data associated with the search to a second  
20 application;  
wherein the second application is configured to provide a search  
result based on the search data; and

a memory coupled to the processor, configured to provide the processor with instructions.

22. A computer program product for sharing data, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer instructions

5 for:

performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;

transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;

providing, in the second application, a second search result based on the search data.